FOR SUMMER AFTERNOONS.

SUMMER TEA COWNS

Some of Them as Elaborate as Evening Toilets.

TRIUMPH IN NEGLIGEE COSTUMES

Chiffon, Lace, and Other Accessories Which Hitherto Only Adorned the Belle of the Ballroom, Now Play a Part in the Dainty Creations Worn in the Breakfist Room and at the Tea Table-Some Fete ting Ideas for Bathrobes.

Then all else falls to interest me in specially after a severe session g for new models, there is alreal tea gown, the garment can don at 5 o'clock and with arious chiffons and laces dissallowness of one's complexion. bilitles does it not reprethe summer approaching here ts of the long, lovely evenriver or in the country the 5 o'clock tea gown in addition to a lace and he tea gown of my present real afternoon garment. It of those new, large, spotn dead white, veiled with auze on a foundation of The front shows an acted vest of pink chiffon, each edged with white embroidery, es down the skirt, softened chiffon round the hem. The idery is carried down the velvet band in a pale shade The sleeves are transparent rucked, with frills of chiffon falling over the hands. shes at the line, and yet is it is worn with a broad t neck band or tie of chiffon. and is the possession of a wellmember of the four hundred.
Ithat later on I could buy it second
The same lady lacks nothing of
ord's goods, and one of her evenith a square decolletage, draped
some beautiful white lace and
chiffon. This ties in a scarf, emashion, with long ends falling down
int. There is a raised silk muslin
indered design in yellow and ture irises denoting the hem of the
the train of which is arranged at
ack from each shoulder, but held in
and there at the waist with an anbelt.

Two Handsome Tea Gowns.

Is levied equally on the property of men
and women. Only an infinitesimal fraction of our male voters ever serve on the
police. The women contribute to the police. The women co ent which emanated from

ous one in fashion's economy-they are neither flesh nor fowl. Personally, I think they give one a half-dressed appearance, as if summoned away in the midst of hair-dressing operations, and one had forgotten to remove the dressing A confection of lace and brocade on top of a cloth or serge skirt is ar anomaly; but some of the smartest ar pons which now take upon themselves the name of petticoat, at least, so I am informed by one of the leading venders of these trifles. But if so, it seems to me that the boudoir is the proper place to display such an altogether. No, I think the tea-jacket is best as a breakfast jacket, to be correctly Irish, and this brings me to the subject of matinees. The break fast jacket is a most desirable institution and besides an economy (so pleasant to be economical if one can), for it saves wear and tear to a fresh blouse or bodice for is disagreeable to struggle into an

entire dress, collars and cuffs and all, first thing in the morning, and this the reakfast jacket, or morning wrapper, ob viates. Its character should be of a dainty muslin or cambric, in bright, cheery colors, spotlessly clean. In win-ter, of course, thin materials are impose, when a soft surah or voile may be Am I trenching on thir when I say that the matinee should be kept rigorously apart from the dressining gown, for it is obvious that one cannot appear at the breakfast table in a gar ment that has done duty at various stages of the toilet. Yet I have known many offenders in this respect, who, on their enormity being brought home to them, opined it didn't matter.

Not Too Negligee. They, at all events, are worthy of a chapter in the book each or any of us compile, entitled "People I Have for there is the key to their straight away. Sautes de lit tle thought of this side of the ocean yet they are beloved of the hwoman, who deems one essential first rising. They are almost infirst rising. They are almost inoyed, loose and flowing in form, like opera cloak, to the ground, with big, eeves and cut away at the neckgathered into a square yoke or un-sailer collar. Then there comes the wrap, which is more and more used and is thoroughly delightful. is made of Turkish toweling, with a ly pattern stamped thereon, in shape monk's cloak, with a cowl-like flapping sleeves, and confined at aist by a cord and tassel. Nothing nicer for running to and from bath, and they have the further mendation of everlasting wash and the best washing shades are pink,

mauve, and green. So many items come nowadays under the heading of teagowns and matinees that I pause to see if all have had just mention. At one and all, I fear, our ma-Ancestors would have rnfully, though we degenerates deem

The Most Valuable Clocks.

an Francisco Chronicle bably the most valuable clock in exletence is the one actually made by the royal hands of Louis XVI. It came into the possession of a member of the Rothschild family two or three years ago, who gave no less a sum than \$150,000 for this remarkable timeplece. There is a clock in Brussels that is kept going by the wind, and another in St. Petersburg has ninety-five faces, indicating simultaneously the time at thirty different spots on the earth and planets. So complicated are the works of this wonderful timeplece that it took two years to put it together after it had been sent in detached pieces from Switzerland.

WOMAN AND THE BALLOT.

Alice Stone Blackwell's Reply to anti-Suffrage Paper Read in London.

Alice Stone Blackwell, commenting in the New York Sun upon the anti-suffrage paper by Mrs. Francis Scott and Mrs. J. Elliott Cabot, and read before the Women's International Council, says:

"We cannot wonder that it was received with derisive laughter. While written in all seriousness, it is in substance tremely funny. It says: "The ballot implies military service, police duty, jury duty, the holding of public office,' &c.

"Military and police duty are not required of women in any of the States where women vote. In most of these States women are also exempt from jury duty, which, personally, I think they ought not to be. Doctors, lawyers, min-isters, and about twenty other classes of men are exempt from jury daty without on that account being excluded from sufon that account being excluded from suffrage, and it would be reasonable that the mothers of young families should be exempt also. But there are more women of leisure than men of leisure, and there seems no valid reason why some women should not occasionally serve their country in this way. try in this way.

"It is preposterous to say the ballot in-plies military and police duty, when we all know that thousands of men ineligible to either are freely admitted to the ballot box. No proposal to limit suffrage to men capable of rendering military services would be listened to for a moment. Either the inability to bear arms is a necessary the inability to bear arms is a necessary qualification for suffrage or it is not. If it is, the men who lack it ought to be excluded; if it is not, the lack of it is no reason for excluding women. There is no escape from this conclusion.

"As for police duty, no man is forced to serve on the police. Out of those who volunteer a sufficient number are hired, and they are paid with tax money that is levied equally on the property of men and women. Only an infinitesimal fraction of our male voters ever serve on the



eagerness.
"You like it, doctor?" asked the girl.

Harmless Little Things.

"The mother laughed at my warning. All her girl friends drink those harmless little things," she protested. "They never drink enough to amount to anything. At

"Not a dangerous one! It is the most insidious ally of the demon of drink. But I could not convince the mother. I could not make her see that this perfume habit was the first stumble toward the chasms where those who fall seldom rise again.
"I had a long talk with the daughter. I

taught of the evil of other drinks, but perfume has never been tabooed. A girl who would scorn whisky would not object to perfume. It is not the thing for a girl to drink whisky, but perfume is laughingly countenanced as a 'silly' girlish fad.

"If it were only 'silly' there would be no cause for alarm. But for 'a daughter of the vine' it is playing with fire and taking chances of scorching the soul."

"Perfume cocktails? Why, of course, we drink them," said the society girl. "Surely no one can object to them. It isn't as though we drank them to excess. Just now and them, when the girls are all together for a little 'heart-to-heart."

"Some of the girls prefer their perfume in tea. I like it that way myself. Just a few drops in the tea and you have no idea how it improves it. Others mix two or even three kinds of perfume with water, and still others mix water and perfume and gin and call it a perfume fizz. perfume and gin and call it a perfume fizz.

Preference of Society Girls. "I think, on the whole, most of the girls prefer the perfume fizz to any of the other drinks with perfume. We use very little gin, just a tiny suspicion of it.

A perfume fizz is really not half bad. We make them for the boys, and though they laugh at the idea, I notice they usually ask for more.

"Do some people really believe that perfume arouses a taste for liquor? I had never thought of it from that point of view. We used to drink it in school for fun, and do it now from habit. It has never created a desire for more with me, but perhaps it is responsible for several of the girls dr—. However, that's anof the girls dr—. However, that's another story.
"How silly! It's nonsense for me to think of such a thing. Of course the perfume doesn't lead to other drinks. It's absurd!

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"The girls who smoke cigarettes often dip the end in the perfume bottle, draw the cologne up so that it permeates the tobacco, and then light them. They say you can both taste and smell the perfume, and that it's awfully good.

"I don't want to believe that the perfume habit is so dangerous or that it will create an appetite. These 'unto-the-third-and-fourth-generation' cranks always make my blood run cold.

"I've heard my mother tell that when Sibyl Sanderson was a girl, she was invited to a house party. The host did not believe in intoxicating beverages. Sibyl drank up her own perfume, and one night, after a particularly exciting game of billiards, she shocked host and guests by proposing that every one contribute their perfume to the punch bowl, as a 'cologne cocktail was better than none.'

"Now, of course, that's going too far. But if when the girls are alone they drink them just for fun, there's no need of raising a hue and cry. I'll make a perfume cocktail now. I have some 'peau d'espagne,' which is the very best cologne for a perfume cocktail"

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brought tears to the eyes, a peculiar
odor, and tests that rauseated.
"I must have put in too much for the
first time," said La Dame aux Cologne,
"I guess a perfume flip would be better,
I'll tell you somebody who makes them
to perfection."

An Artistic Mixer.

The "somebody" who makes perfume flips to perfection proved to be a glithaired club Johnny, who has ah American name, speaks English with a French cent and wears the official fez of the Sul-

He modestly acknowledged being the inventor of the perfume flips. "The girls like perfume," he said, "and occasionally thrust it on us. They call

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occasionally thrust if on us. They call water and cologne a perfume cocktail. Improve that with gin and you have a perfume fizz.

"In a mement of inspiration I conceived of the perfume filp. It's really nothing but a sherry filp with the addition of some peau d'espagne. The girls have rather taken to it and last summer in San Rafael I was duly commissioned Royal Perfume Filp-per.
"Between ourselves, I think putting perfume in any drink is spoiling good material. But the girls all like?".
"Do you know lots of girls will take a drink that has a perfume handle to its name when they refuse the same thing called by its other title? The girl who will refuse a sherry filp has no compunctions about a perfume filp.
"Just like a woman, isn't it? For, come right down to it. the perfume filp is worse. The addition of the cologne just adds more alcohel."

This gown is of fine white muslin made up over pale pink giace silk, and trimmed with innumerable little tucks of white muslin, and insertions of very fine black lace. These lace insertions are headed by black satin baby ribbon slightly gathered and arranged here and there in the form of small true lover's knots. These lace insertions give a tablier effect to the front of the skirt where they are met by medallions consisting of white muslin tucks, outlined with plack lace insertion. Below this trimming, again, there is a deep flounce of white muslin treated in a similar fashion. The bodice is arranged in the same way with long lines of black lace insertion and a vest of tucked white muslin with a hairpin-stitch in silk between each tuck. The sleeves are striped with insertions of



A WHITE PIQUE YACHTING GOWN.

The skirt of this gown is cut in a single piece. It is trimmed with white braid to simulate three shaped dounces. The jacket is ornamented with the same braid and crystal buttons. White straw hat with white ribbon.

its authors that, in opposing equal suirage on physiological grounds, they occupy the scientific attitude.

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The anti-suffrage method is to start out with a preconceived theory and cling to it in disregard and defiance of the facts. The woman voter is a fact. She actually exists—hundreds of thousands of her—in many different parts of the English-speaking world. The scientific way would be to observe her and see whether she has in reality made government unstable, ruined her own constitution, or ceased to be a good wife and mother. But this is the very last method the antis will adopt, because it would give no support to their theory.

"The 'anti' article says suffrage would be disastrous to home duties. The majority of women will always be wives and mothers, and if equal suffrage were incompatible with home duties, that would be enough to condemn it. But the testimony is practically unanimous, from all places where women vote, that they are as good wives and mothers as ever. Mrs. Sarah S. Platt. President of the Colorado State Board of Charities and Correction, said. In answer to a question about the ballot and home duties: 'My dear Madam-Behind-the-Times, it takes just about one hour in the year to cast all the ballots necessary and allowable."

"It may be urged that it takes longer than that to learn to vote intelligently, but Mrs. Scott says women should 'intelligently, but Mrs. Scott says women should 'intelligently interest themselves and others in public affairs, arouse public opinion against wrong-doing, be quick to see and to support every wise movement toward the higher development of the State." If women are to take time to inform themselves at any rate, the small amount of extra time needed to cast a ballot would not be very fermidable. My friend. Mrs. Mary C. Bradford, of Denver, told me

What Happened to "Trilby."

"The way in which various literary storm waves contend and deflect each other is a matter worthy of brief consideration," says a writer in Ainslee's for July. "The 'Trilby' wave started from New York in 1895, and moved Westward with incredible rapidity. In the meantime Boston, Hartford, New Haven, and Worseley. Boston, Hartford, New Haven, and Wor-ester, Mass.. were devoted to charades. While passing Louisville the 'Trilby' wave was defected towards was deflected toward the North by a strong local disturbance caused by the works of Mr. James Lane Allen. But just strong local disturbance caused by the works of Mr. James Lane Allen. But just as it had swept the whole country, and was beginning to eddy down into New England, the 'Bonnie Briar Bush' and 'Manxman' waves started abreast from New York, and crowded it into the Pacific. In 1896 a Bangs wave, which lasted about two months, was caused by the publication of 'A House Boat on the Styx.' It was followed rapidly by 'The Red Badge of Courage' wave, and then by the waves of 'A Lady of Quality.' These waves chased one another across the continent and dropped off the map in the vicinity of Portland, Oreg. Other brief waves were caused by Parker's 'Seats of the Mighty' and Stimson's 'King Noanett' but in the end the Scotch authors prevailed, and the thought waves of Maclaren, Barric, and Crocket enveloped the land. For some time afterward the prevalence of Scotch authors, and particularly of Maclaren, was so notable that I think it would simplify matters if it were consided as a condition rather than as a disturbance. The character of Scotch work is such that I think its influence on the intellectual atmosphere is very similar to that of humidity in the physical." intellectual atmosphere is very similar that of humidity in the physical."